

**EFFECT OF MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION OF THE VENABLE
RANCH MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF DENTON
COUNTY; AFFECTING THE AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE A TAX**

CHAPTER 872

H.B. No. 3099

AN ACT

relating to the effect of municipal annexation of the Venable Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Denton County; affecting the authority to impose a tax.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 8469.251(a), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, if all of the territory of the district *or a district created by the division of the district* is annexed by the city into the corporate limits of the city ~~[before the date of the election held to confirm the creation of the district and the district is confirmed at that election]~~, the district may not be dissolved and continues in existence following annexation until:

(1) water, sanitary sewer, and drainage improvements and roads have been constructed to serve at least 90 percent of the territory of the district capable of development; or

(2) the board adopts a resolution consenting to the dissolution of the district.

SECTION 2. Section 8469.251(b), Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Chapter 1244 (S.B. 1877), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(b) After annexation by the city:

(1) ~~[the district may not impose an ad valorem tax;~~

~~[(2)]~~ the district may impose a special assessment in the manner provided by Subchapter F, Chapter 375, Local Government Code; and

(2) ~~[(3)]~~ Section 375.161, Local Government Code, does not apply to the district.

SECTION 3. Section 8469.251(b), Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Chapter 1308 (H.B. 3914), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is redesignated as Section 8469.251(c) to read as follows:

(c) ~~[(b)]~~ Notwithstanding Section 54.016(f)(2), Water Code, an allocation agreement between the city and the district that provides for the allocation of the taxes or revenues of the district and the city following the date of inclusion of the district's territory in the corporate limits of the city may provide that the total annual ad valorem taxes collected by the city and the district from taxable property within the city's corporate limits may exceed the city's ad valorem tax on that property.

SECTION 4. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 22, 2015: Yeas 139, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 27, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Filed without signature June 18, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

**CREATION AND OPERATIONS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER
PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES**

CHAPTER 873

H.B. No. 3175

AN ACT

relating to the creation and operations of health care provider participation programs in certain counties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subtitle D, Title 4, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 293 to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 293. COUNTY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PARTICIPATION
PROGRAM IN CERTAIN COUNTIES**

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 293.001. **DEFINITIONS.** *In this chapter:*

- (1) "Institutional health care provider" means a nonpublic hospital licensed under Chapter 241.
- (2) "Paying hospital" means an institutional health care provider required to make a mandatory payment under this chapter.
- (3) "Program" means the county health care provider participation program authorized by this chapter.

Sec. 293.002. **APPLICABILITY.** *This chapter applies only to a county that:*

- (1) is not served by a hospital district or a public hospital;
- (2) borders the county in which the State Capitol is located; and
- (3) has a population of more than 100,000 but less than 300,000.

Sec. 293.003. **COUNTY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PARTICIPATION PROGRAM; PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM.** (a) A county health care provider participation program authorizes a county to collect a mandatory payment from each institutional health care provider located in the county to be deposited in a local provider participation fund established by the county. Money in the fund may be used by the county to fund certain intergovernmental transfers and indigent care programs as provided by this chapter.

(b) The commissioners court may adopt an order authorizing a county to participate in the program, subject to the limitations provided by this chapter.

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT

Sec. 293.051. **LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE MANDATORY PAYMENT.** *The commissioners court of a county may require a mandatory payment authorized under this chapter by an institutional health care provider in the county only in the manner provided by this chapter.*